

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our name,

I believe we are the original, first inventors (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **OPTICAL FIBER INCLUDING A DIFFUSER PORTION AND CONTINUOUS SLEEVE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF LIGHT**, the specification of which

(check one) ☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____

Application Serial No. _____

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(if applicable.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith as well as to file equivalent patent applications in countries foreign to the United States including the filing of international patent applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty: Steven P. Berman (Reg. #24,772), Andrea L. Colby (Reg. #30,194), Michael Stark (Reg. #32,495), E. Richard Skula (Reg. #31,061), Dean L. Garner (Reg. #35,877), W. Kent Wissing (Reg. #34,757), Bernard S. Shay (Reg. #32,061), Verne E. Kreger, Jr. (Reg. #35,231), Matthew S. Goodwin (Reg. #32,839), Kenneth L. King (Reg. #24,223), Leopold Presser (Reg. # 19,827) and William C. Roch (Reg. # 32,608).

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